## PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.